

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Sept. 13, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-10, 16 & 23-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 23 has been found to be allowable over the prior art because the prior art fails to teach or suggest a time display device comprising a pattern toggle member adapted to be placed in a first position and a second position, wherein the first position of the toggle member selects a first image display, and the second position of said toggle member selects a second image display, wherein a hours group pattern, a minutes group pattern, a day group pattern and a month group pattern is of discrete and discernable contrast relative to the display area and is visually distinguishable from the other ones of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said day group pattern, and said month group pattern, each of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said day group pattern, and said month group pattern having at least an exhibiting state and a non-exhibiting state, whereby, when said toggle member is in said first position, said first image display includes at least one of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said day group pattern, and said month group pattern, whereby, when said pattern toggle member is in said second position, said second image display includes another of at least one of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said day group pattern, and said month group pattern, wherein said first image display and said second image display are visually distinguishable from one another, in combination with the remaining limitations of said claim.

Claim 24 has been found to be allowable over the prior art because the prior art fails to teach or suggest a time display device comprising a pattern toggle member adapted to be placed in a first position and a second position, wherein the first position of the toggle member selects a first image display, and the second position of said toggle member selects a second image display, wherein a hours group pattern, a minutes group pattern, a day group pattern and a month group pattern is of discrete and discernable contrast relative to the display area and is visually distinguishable from the other ones of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said

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day group pattern, and said month group pattern, each of said hours group pattern, said minutes group pattern, said day group pattern, and said month group pattern having at least an exhibiting state and a non-exhibiting state, whereby, when said toggle member is in said first position, said first image display includes said hours group pattern and said minutes group pattern, whereby, when said pattern toggle member is in said second position, said second image display includes a numerical time pattern is displayed, wherein said first image display and said second image display are visually distinguishable from one another, in combination with the remaining limitations of said claim.

Claim 25 has been found to be allowable over the prior art because the prior art fails to teach or suggest a time display device comprising a pattern toggle member adapted to be placed in a first position, a second position and a third position, wherein the first position of the toggle member selects a first image display, the second position of said toggle member selects a second image display, and the third position of said toggle member selects a third image display wherein a hours group, a minutes group, a day group and a month group is of discrete and discernable contrast relative to the display area and is visually distinguishable from the other ones of said hours group, said minutes group, said day group, and said month group, each of said hours group, said minutes group, said day group, and said month group having at least an exhibiting state and a non-exhibiting state, whereby, when said toggle member is in said first position, said first image display consisting of said hours group and said minutes group, whereby, when said pattern toggle member is in said second position, said second image display consisting of said month group, said day group, said hours group and said minutes group, wherein said first image display, said second image display, and said third image display state are visually distinguishable from one another are visually distinguishable from one another, in combination with the remaining limitations of said claim.

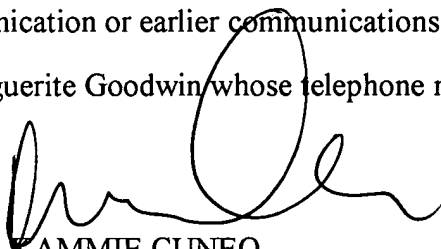
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Claims 2-10 and 16 have been found to be allowable as being dependent upon the allowable claims 23, 24 and 25, respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeanne-Marguerite Goodwin whose telephone number is (703) 305-0264.

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